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SUBJECT: BIG MINH NOVEMBER 1 STATEMENT ATTRACTS LITTLE INTEREST

REF: FBIS ITEM SO30640

1. WE WISH TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF ADDRESSEES TO THE STATEMENT THAT GENERAL DUONG VAN MINH ("BIG MINH") ISSUED NOVEMBER 1, ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OVERTHROW OF DIEM. THE REFERENCED FBIS ITEM GIVES THE COMPLETE TEXT AS PRINTED IN THE OPPOSITIONIST SAIGON DAILY DIEN TIN.

2. IF ANYTHING, THE STATEMENT IS MORE VAGUELY WORDED THAN EVEN THE AVERAGE BIG MINH PRONOUNCEMENT. ITS MAIN POINTS ARE FIRST, THAT THE PARIS AGREEMENT COULD BECOME AN ADEQUATE FRAMEWORK FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IF IT WERE PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED AND, SECOND, THAT LASTING RECONCILIATION AMONG VIETNAMESE DEPENDS ON BOTH SIDES DROPPING THEIR IDEOLOGIES AND THEIR ATTACHMENTS TO WORLD BLOCS. MINH DECLARES THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION IS "CRITICAL BUT BY NO
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MEANS DESPERATE," DRAWING HOPE FROM THE DETENTE HE SEES AMONG

THE GREAT POWERS AND AN ALLEGEDLY UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE
THAT NEITHER SIDE CAN WIN THE WAR. THE FAMILIAR MINH TEME OF
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IS PROMINENT THROUGHOUT THE DOCUMENT,
AND HIS CRITICISMS OF BOTH SIDES ARE MUTED AND EVEN-HANDED.

3. THOUGH COVERED IN THE SAIGON PRESS, THIS STATEMENT
HAS ATTRACTED VERY LITTLE ATTENTION HERE SO FAR. ITS UNSPECTACULAR
TONE IS UNLIKELY TO PROVOKE ANY SIGNIFICANT OFFICIAL REACTION.
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